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Dear Ms. Swords:

This responds to your request, dated July 23, 1999, to extend the comment period for the foreign establishment registration and listing proposal, which the Food and Drug Administration published in the *Federal Register* on May 14, 1999. A subsequent discussion with Ms. Birgit Matthiesen indicated that the requested extension was for 60 days.

Because the comment period was scheduled to expire on July 28, 1999, time constraints prevented us from taking the necessary administrative action to extend the comment period. Instead, the agency will announce the "reopening" of the comment period by publishing a notice in the *Federal Register*. The reopened comment period will last for 60 days, starting on the date of publication of the notice announcing the reopened comment period.

We appreciate your government's interest in the proposed rule and look forward to any comments you might have.

Sincerely,

Margaret Dotzel
Acting Associate Commissioner
for Policy Coordination

cc:


Ms. Matthiesen

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